

CIO SPIKES HOPE FOR EARLY PACKER STRIKE END

Weather

FORECAST: High cloudiness tonight and Thursday with fog Thursday morning. Little change in temperature.

Temp. 44
 Highest Yesterday 44
 Lowest this Morning 22

MEDFORD TRIBUNE

Fortieth Year MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1946. NO. 252.

MEATLESS MEALS FACING COUNTRY WITHIN FEW DAYS

Nearly 300,000 Workers Leave Jobs in Supply Centers—Picketing Orderly.

TAXI ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY CITY SETS HIGHER FEE

New Regulation Requires \$250 License and \$75 for Each Machine in Operation

New provisions for the regulation and operation of the taxi-cab business in Medford were made last night when the city council in regular session adopted ordinance 3663. All previously enacted conflicting regulations were rescinded.

Under the new ordinance, the owner of a taxicab service is required to pay a \$250 license fee to conduct his business plus \$75 for each cab he has in operation. Liability insurance for injury to persons of not less than \$20,000 for any one person and \$100,000 for one accident must be carried and \$100,000 is the necessary amount for property damage.

To Inspect Cabs

Application to conduct the business must be made to the city recorder who will present the matter to the city council for its action. Vehicles must be inspected by chief of police from whom drivers are required to secure a permit.

Under the old regulation a yearly fee of \$40 per cab was the only charge.

Revocation of a previous order establishing the area on East Main street between Riverside avenue and the Bear Creek bridge as a 15 minute parking zone was another action taken by the council. The measure, which had been enacted on a trial basis, was found not to be the answer to the problem of serious congestion in the area. Solution of the matter is yet pending.

Lots Sold

With the sale of nine lots determined last night all city lots available which have clear titles have been sold according to Harold Frye, land appraisal committee chairman. Properties sold include: Lot 12 block 4 of Tuttle's third addition to Richard Simmons, \$100, lot 1 block 3 of Tuttle's third addition to Phyllis and Lois Simmons, \$100, lot 2 block 38 of the original town to J. P. and Grace E. Todd, \$400, lots 5 and 7 block 2 of Kenwood addition to Arthur Cook, \$250, lot 5 block 4 of W. Walnut Park addition to Bert Johnston, \$100, lot 6 block 4 of W. Walnut Park addition to Margaret Fields, \$100, part of lot 2, block 2 of Mingo subdivision to Neva Samuels, \$250, lot 8 block 3 of Narregan addition to Mary Sloan, \$300, and part of lot 7 block 2 of Mingo addition to Alfred R. and Lavon E. Mercer, \$400.

5 MILITARY PRISONERS ESCAPE FROM PRESIDIO

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—San Francisco Bay area police and military authorities joined today in a search for five military prisoners, who escaped from the Presidio guardhouse last night and reported warnings they would never be captured alive.

"All the men are armed, dangerous and will not be taken alive," an Oakland, Cal., police report warned.

U.P. BOOSTS CURRAN

New York, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—Election of Thomas R. Curran and Jack Bisco as vice presidents of the United Press was announced today by Hugh Baillie, U. P. president. Curran is general South American manager of the United Press and Bisco is general sales manager.

SIDE GLANCES

Ruth Renken advising a friend what not to do in her old age.

Viola Nell wishing firemen wouldn't use the Hill driveway to turn the fire truck around, she nearly going into a panic before discovering they weren't stopping at her home.

"Tubby" Dean reluctantly revealing the magnitude of his land grabbing.

Fatal Argument



(Acme Telephoto) Miss Louise Mary DeChants, 20, whose dismembered body was found in a manure pile behind a summer cottage at Lonely Lake, near Saratoga Springs, N. Y. Her alleged slayer, Mrs. Sonya Leggett, 57, told police that she struck the girl during an argument and realizing Miss DeChants had died, dismembered the body with a carving knife.

RECRUITS SWELL ROSTER OF VFW TO NEARLY 500

Commander V. E. Robb said nearly 500 veterans now have membership in Crater Lake Post 1833, Veterans of Foreign Wars, after last night's meeting in Medford armory at which a class of 42 World War II veterans were given their obligation by Past Department Commander I. D. Canfield.

The recruits are Aaron Ayres, Jr., Horace W. Baker, Clarence Bates, John L. Bittle, Wellington G. Brower, Truitt Cantrell, Vinis Carter, Leland F. Cook, Elroy Cordova, Earl S. Courtney, Leonard Davis, Steven I. Dodge, Joseph I. Eller, Jr., Omar C. Finley, William H. Fluhrer, John C. Foster, Dean F. Gleaves, Oliver A. Gustafson, Lyonel E. Hamilton, Gerald B. Hooper, Wayne H. Jackson, Walter J. Johnson, F. E. Kruggel, Jr., Carl V. Lawson, Arlee H. Lee, David L. Legg, Oscar J. Miller, W. J. Naumes, Lawrence B. Patterson, Neil I. Reed, Joseph C. Reinhart, Roy E. Reynolds, Victor A. Royston, Arthur L. Schatz, Lloyd W. Silver, Fletcher O. Smith, Gilbert Stevens, Ted W. Tatro, Jack J. Winchester, Richard Wright and Henry P. Yeager.

Clark Franklin, past department council member of California, and Past Commander F. W. Galbraith of San Francisco, but now living in Medford, gave inspiring talks on comradeship. Talks were also given by Canfield, A. C. Leighton and other members of the building committee.

Work of demolition of the old Eagles building on Front street, being remodeled for a VFW headquarters, is progressing rapidly, according to a report of the building committee. Several members have volunteered to work on the project Sunday which should put the building in shape for construction, scheduled to follow immediately.

Ladies of the auxiliary served refreshments at conclusion of the meeting.

China Plans Early Reduction of Army

Chungking, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—The Chinese government announced today that its armies will be reduced from their present wartime strength of 4,830,000 men to 1,800,000 during the first six months of this year as part of a broad program to unify and rehabilitate war-torn China.

Announcement of the new demobilization plan was made by Vice War Minister Lin Wei before the people's consultative council, now meeting in Chungking to work out an agreement to unite all of China's warring political factions in a single coalition government.

MORE PENICILLIN

Washington, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—The civilian production agency said today that the recent restoration of wartime controls over penicillin is resulting in steadily improving nationwide distribution of the much wanted drug.

COUNTY TO START ROAD AND BRIDGE PROGRAM EARLY

Rogue River and Central Point Spans On List; New Hospital Also Projected.

Just as soon as equipment and materials are available Jackson County's post war road and bridge building program totaling three-quarters million dollars will get underway, County Judge J. B. Coleman told members of the Medford Rotary club Tuesday. Speaking at a luncheon meeting at the Hotel Medford, Coleman pointed out that much needed road improvement, a new bridge at Central Point over Bear Creek and a new county hospital are included in the county's immediate program.

Funds for this post war construction have been set aside from the sale of county land and carry-over balances from previous budgets.

Bride To Cost \$100,000

Replacement of the bridge over Rogue River at the town of Rogue River will cost approximately \$100,000, the county judge said. The present bridge is more than 50 years old. Realignment of the road extending from Central Point east to the Midway road and a new bridge over Bear Creek is one of the first projects because of increased flow of traffic and logs into the fast-growing city of Central Point. The present bridge has been posted as unsafe for heavy loads.

Some assistance in the program of improving Jackson County's 1,100 miles of roads exclusive of public roadways will be forthcoming from the federal government through the state highway commission, Coleman said.

The county hospital, a levy for which was voted overwhelmingly by county taxpayers, is a much needed improvement because of the fire hazard at the present hospital.

Lot Sales To Help

Record sale of county lots in southern Oregon communities and of county owned forest lands in recent years, which will finance much of the post war program, indicate record development in store for this area, Coleman said, and he predicted growth within the next 20 years far exceeding that of the past 40 years. Delayed expansion of this section of the west was attributed by the judge to the "unprogressive policy of the Southern Pacific Company in providing unsatisfactory rail service to the Rogue River Valley territory."

The speaker was introduced by City Superintendent Frank Rogers.

Tired Bookkeeper Took Money Home

Los Angeles, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—A slight, graying mother, trusted for eight years with a bakery's \$250,000 bank account, explained today that she had hidden away \$71,000 of her employers' money because she was just "too tired" to wait in line at the bank.

Mrs. Loretta Geary, 40, \$200-a-month officer manager of the bakery, was held on suspicion of grand theft.

MacARTHUR PRAISED BY SUBCOMMITTEEMEN

Tokyo, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—A spokesman for the House Naval Affairs subcommittee touring Pacific bases and the Orient said today committee members were "amazed" at Gen. MacArthur's overall understanding of occupation problems and "satisfied" he is handling the problems in such a way that he has the situation well in hand.

The committee left today for Yokosuka, Sasebo, Nagasaki, Hiroshima and Kure.

WEATHER

Northern California: Fair weather today, tonight and Thursday, but valley fogs and light showers on extreme north coast tonight or Thursday. Little temperature change. Light variable wind off coast.

Fish, Fowl and Eggs to Substitute For Meat If Strike Is Long Drawn

Chicago, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—American housewives will have to return to wartime meatless menus if the packinghouse workers' strike lasts more than a week.

A United Press survey showed today that the country's packing centers have only enough meat on hand to feed consumers for seven days. After that the housewife will have to serve eggs, chicken, fish, rabbit, and an abundant supply of turkey.

Hobart Creighton, head of the poultry branch of the U. S. department of agriculture, took the only optimistic view of the stoppage.

Though not desirable, he said in Chicago, a long strike "would be a healthy condition for the egg and poultry industry, because it would clear the storage lockers of excess turkeys and other poultry, and help stave off the developing egg surplus."

Operators of restaurants in many cities said beef, veal and pork would be taken off menus in several days. Fowl and egg dishes will take their places.

Butter Shortage Delaying Return Of Plump Period

Hollywood, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—The butter shortage is thwarting American women's plans of making 1946 a rolly-polly year as far as feminine curves are concerned.

Max Factor, Jr., glamour expert, said today women, as a reaction from the hard-working war years, were all set to get plump, like in the Lillian Russell bustle-and-bulge era.

But this filling out process is being slowed down by the shortages of butter, cooking fats, mayonnaise and other foods that tend to expand the figure, Factor bemoaned.

Two Saw Out Of Placer Co. Jail

Auburn, Cal., Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—Sheriff E. J. Kenison today requested northern California authorities to watch for two men who sawed their way out of the Placer county jail last night.

He reported Joseph Kennedy, 37, an ex-convict serving one year for auto theft, and Randolph Fox, alias Pat Morton, 19, being held for the Youth Authority after conviction of rape charges, cut four bars from a rear window on the second floor of the jail and escaped. Their absence was discovered at 6:25 a. m.

SOLDIER PROTEST MEETINGS BANNED

Frankfurt, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—All GI mass meetings, protests and demonstrations against the army's demobilization policies were banned today by Gen. Joseph T. McNarney, commander of American forces in Europe.

McNarney cracked down after a series of demonstrations staged at various points in the European theater by angry GI's clamoring to be shipped home.

The European protests were climaxed last week by a noisy demonstration in front of McNarney's Frankfurt headquarters during which soldiers jeered the European commander and threatened for a time to storm the building.

CENTRAL PT. RECEIVES WATER PIPE SHIPMENT

Central Point, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—One carload of pipe for the city water project here has arrived and has been unloaded and seven more are en route from Provo, Utah, City Recorder Guy Tex said yesterday. Arrival of the next car is expected within a day or two. A carload of copper tubing for the new system left Los Angeles January 9.

Work on the project awaits more suitable weather and shipment of a larger supply of materials. City officials say that installation of the new mains should be underway in March.

Kimmel Reveals Threats Received After Pacific Fleet Debacle At Pearl Harbor

Washington, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—Adm. Husband E. Kimmel, Pacific fleet commander, disclosed today that he had received an official notice that Short had requested retirement and construed it as "a suggestion for me to do likewise."

Both Kimmel and Short were relieved of their commands within 10 days after the attack. Both were placed on the retired lists a few months later. Kimmel was retired with the rank of rear admiral.

Handicap Claimed

Kimmel opened his testimony before the Congressional committee yesterday with a charge that the Navy department by withholding vital information denied his Pacific fleet a fighting chance to avert the Dec. 7, 1941, disaster.

The circumstances of his retirement were raised under questioning by Committee Counsel Seth W. Richardson.

Kimmel related that he returned to San Francisco upon being relieved of his command at Pearl Harbor. He said that on Jan. 25, 1942, he was informed by Rear Adm. J. W. Greenslade, commandant of the 12th Naval district, that Short had requested retirement.

Kimmel said Greenslade had been telephoned "an official message" from Washington instructing that he be advised of Short's request.

Kimmel said he learned that Greenslade's telephone call from Washington was made by Rear Adm. Randall Jacobs, the chief of the Bureau of Navigation, at the request of the late Secretary of Navy Frank Knox.

Charges Prepared

He said he learned through the press about March 1, 1942, that Knox had directed preparation of charges and specifications preliminary to bringing him to trial at court martial some time in the future.

Neither Kimmel nor Short ever has been subjected to court martial trial for the Pearl Harbor disaster, although both have been criticized in reports of previous investigations. Both the navy and army have said no court martial trials are contemplated.

Kimmel left no doubt that he considered he had been treated unfairly. He submitted to the Congressional committee a sheaf of correspondence with Stark and Jacobs in connection with his retirement request.

He took particular exception to the fact that when Knox approved his request for retirement, the secretary said it was done "without condonation of any offense or prejudice to future disciplinary action."

ACTION TO CURB STRIKE EPIDEMIC COMMITTEE AIM

House Military Affairs Group To Take Up Matter If Labor Committee Delays.

Washington, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—The House Military Affairs committee today decided to take the "serious strike situation" into its own hands if the House Labor committee does not act in "a reasonable time."

After a closed committee session, Committee Chairman Andrew J. May, D. Ky., said the committee decided to wait a "few days" for the labor committee to take action on President Truman's request for fact-finding machinery for dealing with the snow-balling strike situation.

President Criticized

Meanwhile house republicans unleashed a barrage of oratory demanding action by the administration to stop the spreading strike wave.

Rep. August H. Andresen, R., Minn., charged that "it is the duty of the President to settle this meat strike so the people of the country can get meat."

"The present strike is against the OPA and the policies of the Truman administration," Andresen said.

NEW SUSPECT IN KIDNAP SLAYING

Chicago, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—Police today sought a new suspect, linked through a laundry mark on a bloodstained handkerchief, in their search for the kidnaper-slayer of six-year-old Suzanne Degnan.

The man's identity was known to detectives, they said, but they refused to divulge his name.

The handkerchief was wrapped about a noose of picture frame wire found Jan. 8 in an alley near the Degnan home, from which the child was snatched from her bed the day before.

Mrs. Louise Johnson, 32, Glenview, Ill., and Harry Weil, 36, Chicago, were questioned and released yesterday after Mrs. Johnson's bloodstained car was found abandoned in a garage where she had left it for repairs the night of the kidnaping.

AUTRY FEUD SETTLED

Hollywood, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—Cowboy Actor Gene Autry's long contract wrangle with Republic Studios was settled today and the crooner conferred with the studio over eight more pictures he must make at \$15,000 a picture.

THICK FOG HOLDS RETURNING VETS

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—One of the heaviest fogs in years today blanketed the northern California coastal area, stranding 1,500 Pacific veterans, delaying the arrival and departure of trans-Pacific ships, and slowing motor traffic from Sacramento to Fresno.

The ferryboat, Ernie Pyle, transporting recently returned troops to Camp Stoneman, Pittsburg, crashed into the Grace Line's moored cargo ship, Queen of the Seas, in the dense fog on the San Francisco bay last night. No injuries were reported on either vessel.

A number of ships, including the aircraft carrier Bon Homme Richard, which was bringing home 4,200 troops, anchored outside the Golden Gate until daylight in order to enter the bay with safety.

Argentine Business Protests Pay Hikes

Buenos Aires, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—Virtually all business was closed today as commerce and industry continued its lockout in protest to government decreed bonuses and pay raises for all workers.

A government warning that business men who refused to open their shops might be prosecuted under two existing decrees failed to bring any openings in downtown Buenos Aires.

YANKEE STADIUM GETS LOUIS-CONN TITLE GO

New York, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—Promoter Mike Jacobs announced today that the Joe Louis-Billy Conn world's heavyweight boxing bout will be held at Yankee stadium Wednesday night, June 19.

Lockheed To Up Pay

Burbank, Calif., Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—Lockheed Aircraft Corp. employees will receive a 15-per-cent wage increase starting with the Feb. 4 payroll, union officials announced today. Approximately 30,000 workers will share in the pay boost.

Dimes Did This



(Acme Telephoto) Donald Anderson, Frineville, Ore., six-year-old "Poster Boy" of 1946 March of Dimes campaign against infantile paralysis, strikes up pose similar to one on poster showing his recovery from the dread disease. Stricken with poliomyelitis in 1943, Donald can walk and run unaided.

Two-Gun Polio Kid Keeps Dates With New York Big-Wigs

New York, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—A sandy-haired, two-gun kid whirled down a corridor of a staid midtown hotel astride a chain-driven tricycle today and was off to keep an appointment with Jimmy Walker and Jim Farley.

Donald Anderson arrived here Sunday with his mother, Laurie, for a month's stay as the guest of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. He's the "little guy with the enormous eyes" the foundation is picturing on campaign posters.

Churchills Dodge Crowd At Miami

Miami Beach, Fla., Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—Winston Churchill, Britain's wartime prime minister, arrived here today and was immediately taken to the small beach home where he will spend six weeks of rest in the Florida sunshine.

Accompanied by his wife, Churchill left the train from New York at a suburban stop several miles from the crowds which gathered at the downtown station.

Forgery Charge Lodged On Cline

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—(U.P.)—Alfred L. Cline, under investigation throughout the nation in connection with the deaths and disappearances of 11 persons, today was indicted for forgery and grand theft by the San Francisco county grand jury.

Cline, who is being held here for Dallas, Tex., authorities on a murder charge, declined to testify in his own behalf on advice of his attorney J. W. Ehrlich at the grand jury hearing late last night.

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